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CHRONICLER'S REPORT FOR 1916.

Jan. 1. Washington was shown statistically to be the fourth of American cities in expenditures for education and twelfth for administration.

Jan. 1. The Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage established permanent headquarters at 21 Madison Place, known as the Cameron House and "The Little White House," where men of national and international reputation have been entertained.

Jan. 11. The New Columbia Hospital for Women was opened for public use. This fine structure cost $300,000 with $90,000 for its furnishing and equipment.

Feb. 15. The coldest day of the winter, 6 degrees above zero. No zero temperatures occurred during the year 1916. The average temperature for the year was 3 degrees higher than the average for the last 46 years. Highest, 97 degrees on August 22, 1916.

Mar. 5. Washington's first street railway strike began. For two days people to a great extent were forced to walk or use other means of conveyance.

Mar. 7. The annual banquet of the National Geographic Society took the form of a testimonial to Professor Alexander Graham Bell.

Mar. 15. The Board of Education declined permission for the use of the public school buildings on Sundays as community forums.

Mar. 23. With the laying of the cornerstone of the new Chemical Building at the Bureau of Standards, Cleveland Park, another step was taken in adding to the group of buildings, which Secretary Redfield in his address described as the "service which pushes back more and more each day the

shades of darkness which limit our present knowledge."

Mar. 31. Services were held at Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church in commemoration of the life and work of Bishop Francis Asbury, who died one hundred years ago today.

Apr. 15. Representatives of the several patriotic societies in the District of Columbia participated in exercises at the District line near Chesapeake Junction. The ceremonies marked the completion of the enclosing of the east cornerstone of the District.

Apr. 24. Unveiling of a drinking fountain in Willow Tree Alley, presented to that play ground by the Gov. Thomas Wells Society, Children of the American Revolution. A second fountain was presented to a public play ground, Garfield Park, the same week April 29, through the same Society.

May 1. A National Service School Military Camp for women was opened at Chevy Chase with an attendance of several hundred—a phase of the preparedness movement which swept over the country during the year.

May 6, 7. The 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Bible Society was opened the first date with a pageant at Convention Hall, and by services on the East Front of the Capitol the next afternoon, Sunday, when Vice-President Marshall and Speaker Clark delivered addresses. President Wilson addressed a large gathering at Continental Hall later in the day.

May 10. Pupils from the City High Schools presented an out-of-door pageant from Shakespeare's plays, on the eastern edge of Rock Creek Park, near Brightwood Reservoir, to celebrate the Shakespeare tercentenary.

May 15. The 165th anniversary of the founding of George-

town was celebrated by The Georgetown Citizens' Association. Though it was established as a trading post many years before, the town was not legally created until May 15, 1751, during the reign of King George II.

May 20. President Wilson signed the bill, providing for a million-dollar bridge to replace the Aqueduct Bridge, and to be called the Francis Scott Key Bridge—N. C. Wyeth was selected later as the architect of the structure.

May 31. Impressive ceremonies marked the dedication of District of Columbia Boundary Stone No. 4 on the Walker Road west of Good Hope, by the John Lindsay Chapter of the D. A. R.

May 31. E. Dwight Clapp, seventy-nine years old, who devised the system of numbering the houses which was adopted by the Aldermen and Common Council of Washington on November 29, 1869, died at his residence 812 Ninth Street, in which he had lived for half a century.

June 1. Boundary Stone No. 6 on the Brentwood Road near Mt. Ranier was dedicated by the Livingstone Manor Chapter of the D. A. R.

June 21. The relations of the United States and Mexico became more strained during 1916. In answer to the President's call for state militia, issued June 18th, all of the organizations composing the National Guard of the District of Columbia with the exception of the Coast Artillery Company and the Naval Battalion went into mobilization camp at Fort Myer, Virginia.

July 1. The Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill approved today made provisions for beautifying the old Reservoir Site at Georgetown. Plans are being prepared in the Office of Public Buildings and Grounds with a view to making this a charming recreative spot.

July 4. Dedication of the new and beautiful home of the

American Federation of Labor at the northwest corner of Ninth and Massachusetts Avenue, in the presence of many thousands of members of Union Labor organizations, with President Wilson as the principal speaker.

July 6. Boundary Stone No. 2 at Bradbury Heights, Maryland, was dedicated by the Marcia Burnes Chapter of the D. A. R.

July 7. The new street railroad bridge named the Meigs Bridge across Rock Creek on the line of Pennsylvania Avenue was opened for traffic.

July 11. Boundary Stone No. 3 near Chain Bridge, the first milestone placed on Maryland soil, has been fenced and was dedicated by the Columbia Chapter of the D. A. R.

July 27. The District Supreme Court decided that the title to reclaimed lands on the Potomac and on the Eastern Branch and Rock Creek, vests in the United States.

Aug. 2. The ceremonies attending the unveiling of the statuary or pediment of the House Wing of the United States Capitol, took place under a great American elm on the greensward across the Plaza from the Capitol. The sculptor, Paul Bartlett, described the group.

Aug. 22. James Croggon, dean of Washington newspaper men, died. He was born in 1835 in a small cottage, located on part of the ground on F Street northwest on which the Sun Building stands. He was well known through a series of articles on "Old Washington" published in the Evening Star. The veteran writer was one of the founders of the order "Sons of Jonadab." Members of this Society and of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants gathered at McKendree Methodist Episcopal Church October 25 and paid tribute to his memory.

Sept. 6. The 159th anniversary of the birth of General

Marquis de Lafayette was celebrated by a number of patriotic organizations.

Sept. 17. James C. Courts, for seven years Assistant Clerk and thirty-two years Clerk of the House Committee on appropriations, died.

Oct. 2. Public Schools opened, having been delayed two weeks by reason of the infantile paralysis epidemic in the eastern section of the country generally. New Central High School and Dunbar High School used for the first time.

Oct. 10. The Washington Arts Club gave a house warming at their new home 2017 I Street. This historic house with its lunette topped doorway, Key arched windows and stacks of chimney pots, was occupied by James Monroe during the period he was Secretary of State and it is understood also for a short time after he became President. The British Minister, Lord Channing, occupied it at one time and in late years the scientist Professor Cleveland Abbe resided there.

Oct. 13. A protecting fence having been erected by Monticello Chapter of the D. A. R. around Milestone No. 8 on the boundary line of the District of Columbia near Blue Plains, it was dedicated.

Oct. 16. Dedication of the new Park View School by a community celebration of the citizens of Petworth.

Oct. 19. On the 135th anniversary of the surrender of Yorktown, Boundary Stone No. 3, near Brightwood, D. C., was formally dedicated by Our Flag Chapter of the D. A. R. Mr. Louis P. Shoemaker gave an account of the site being a part of the ground over which the battle of Fort Stevens was fought during the Civil War.

Nov. 11. Trueman Lanham, for thirty-one years Superintendent of Trees and Parkings, died.

Nov. 13. Removal of the District Supreme Court from the Old City Hall (1835–1874) used at present as the United States Court House for the District

of Columbia, to temporary quarters at the Old Census Office—Emory Building—at Northwest corner of First and B Streets, N. W. The old building is to be reconstructed under a Congressional appropriation of $250,000.

Nov. 14, 15. The 700th anniversary of the founding of the Dominican Order of the Catholic Church was celebrated at the Dominican House of Studies at Brookland.

Respectfully submitted,

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NECROLOGY.

1916, April 3d .....JAMES F. BARBOUR.
1916, May 16th.....BRAINARD HENRY WARNER.
1916, May 28th.....MISS HELENA MCCARTHY.
1916, July 1st.....JOHN TILESTON GRANGER.
1916, September 22d.....MRS. JAMES MOSHER.
1916, October 30th..... .....FREDERICK W. PRATT.
1916, November 8th.....CHARLES S. BRADLEY.
1916, November 24th.....LOUIS P. SHOEMAKER.